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THURSDAY
MARCH 25, 1954

I arrived in Paris this morning.

Blankenhorn telephoned me from Germany and asked me to see Von Walther, head of their Diplomatic Mission here. He came around and read me a telegram he had received from Adenauer, who is still in Turkey, instructing him to deliver a message to Bidault suggesting a meeting between himself and Bidault next week, the time and place to be arranged upon Adenauer's return to Bonn Saturday. Von Walther said Blankenhorn wanted to know what I thought of the delivery of this telegram. I told him it was my opinion it should be delayed until this afternoon so we could see whether the efforts made yesterday to secure the consent of the French Government to the approval of the German Constitutional Amendments would be successful. Dillon is discussing this with Bidault this morning and has a letter from the Secretary on the subject. Von Walther said he would delay taking action until this afternoon. I promised to communicate with him later in the day.

I talked to various press correspondents today, including Bergholzer, Giles and McGurn, who are stirred up about the trouble over the amendments and protocols in Germany.

I had lunch at the Pinckney Tucks' and tried to prevail on Kippy to take the presidency of the Travellers' Club, even if it were only for a year.

I had a long talk with Polyzoides this afternoon about various interesting security matters.

Harold Callender came to see me. He is baffled, as well he might be, by the barrage of press comments here, some of them emanating directly from Quai d'Orsay leaks, which would seem to indicate (1) the Germans are being unreasonable about the amendments and protocols, and (2) the Germans show no desire to achieve any reasonable Saar settlement.

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I went to see Doug Dillon, who told me he did not need to present Foster's letter to Bidault since the French had decided this morning to instruct François-Poncet to withdraw his objections to the disputed text of approval. I checked with Bonn and found this had been done and so informed Von Walther.

Von Walther came to see me later, said he had delivered the Chancellor's message and added that Blankenhorn would like to know whether I thought it should be made public. I answered no.

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